



**TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2007**

Fern Laroche, Jr., At Large 2007
Charles Smith, At Large 2008
Michael Bowie, At Large 2009
Gina Mason, District 1 2007
Janet Henry, District 1 2009
Dale Crafts, District 2 2007
Norma Wells, District 2 2009

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CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE TO THE FLAG. The Vice Chairman, Michael Bowie, called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. Members present were Councilors Laroche, Smith, Bowie, Mason, Henry, and Crafts. Councilor Wells was excused. Also present were Curtis Lunt, Town Manager; Twila Lycette, Town Clerk; Ryan Leighton, Town Engineer; Gerald Samson, Tax Assessor; Elwood Beal, Public Works Director; and approximately five citizens in the audience.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE (2007-118) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts, moved to adopt the following consent items: (A) Minutes of 7/31/2007. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

COUNCIL ORDERS, ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DUMP TRUCK BIDS

VOTE (2007-119) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts, moved to accept the bid from Morrison & Sylvester of \$62,460 for a Public Works Department dump truck cab and chassis, accepts a bid from HP Fairfield of \$55,340 for a stainless steel dump body-sander, and authorizes a five-year lease purchase for each item. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

SEWER DEPARTMENT ¾ TON PICKUP BIDS

VOTE (2007-120) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts, moved to approve a bid of \$28,986.13 from Auburn Motor Sales for a ¾ ton pickup truck with utility body and plow, and authorizes a three-year lease purchase agreement. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

LISBON CODE CHAPTER 22

MANUFACTURED HOUSING, MOBILE HOMES & TRAILERS

VOTE (2007-121) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Henry, moved to approve Lisbon Code Chapter 22 Manufactured Housing, Mobile Homes, and Trailers as amended with additions underlined and removals struck through. **Order passed - Vote 6-0. First Reading**

LISBON CODE CHAPTER 50 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

VOTE (2007-122) Councilor Crafts, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved to approve Lisbon Code Chapter 50 Traffic and Vehicles as amended with additions underlined and removals struck through. **Order passed - Vote 6-0. First Reading**

CONFIRMATION OF TAX ASSESSOR APPOINTMENT

VOTE (2007-123) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Laroche, moved to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Gerald Samson to the office of Tax Assessor. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

CONFIRMATION OF TREASURER APPOINTMENT

VOTE (2007-124) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Mason, moved to approve the Town Manager's appointment of Rodney Moody to the office of Treasurer. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

2006-07 CARRY FORWARDS

VOTE (2007-125) Councilor Crafts, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved to adopt the 2006-07 Carry Forwards as recommended by Finance Director Rodney Moody. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

STREET CLOSING - ADDISON STREET BLOCK PARTY

VOTE (2007-126) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts, moved to approve the closing of Addison Street between Campus Avenue and Willard Street on September 8th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM to facilitate an annual block party. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

OTHER BUSINESSSET 2007-08 TAX RATE

Mr. Lunt explained that the Town Council is not required to vote to accept the tax rate as it is set by the Tax Assessor. He stated that after consulting the Finance Director, it is possible to reduce the tax rate to 23.75.

VOTE (2007-127) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts, moved to confirm the Tax Assessor's mil rate of 23.75. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

VOTE (2007-128) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Mason, moved to approve an interest rate of 12% for unpaid taxes. **Order passed - Vote 4-2 (opposed: Crafts, Henry).**

VOTE (2007-129) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Mason, moved to set September 15, 2007 and March 15, 2008 as tax due dates. **Order passed - Vote 6-0.**

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Since the last Town Council meeting, the Town manager has completed the following tasks:

- Visited a drainage area on Edgecomb Road with the Public Works Director and landowner Lisa Bowe. Town drainage from Edgecomb Road and Summer Street crosses her property (without easement) to the little river and has caused erosion problems. Mr. Lunt has asked that the Soils Conservation Commission engineers be consulted and that any improvements require an easement.
- Tax Assessor Gerald Samson and Mr. Lunt believe that the subject of a revaluation is stalled and would benefit from a tax assessment review committee appointed by the Council. This would allow us a forum to outline the issues and information and solutions, and get the citizenry involved with whatever the future outcome will be. If the Council is okay with the concept, they would like to come back with a proposal.

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- The Water Department has completed six cemetery meter box pits. \$2,000 was budgeted but the bill was only \$1,600 for parts. Commissioner Bauer said that he will visit the Council regarding the Dragon Pit when they hear back from Dragon, Inc. about a letter the Commissioner sent on first refusal.
- The Town Attorney has been asked to produce a letter to a landowner on Moody Road whom may be encroaching on Beaver Park. It is complicated by the need to consult with a surveyor. He is also helping Wayne Ricker and the Town Manager with a review of the Solid Waste Codes.
- Focused on helping Jennifer Stowell Norris, Economic & Community Development Director, establish priorities and get off to a fast start.

Mr. Samson explained that a revaluation would result in a much lower mil rate and more accurate tax bills with very little change in the bills amounts otherwise. Mr. Bowie explained that with items coming off of debt service, it would be possible to add the costs for revaluation without negatively affecting the mil rate. The Council unanimously agreed to allow the Town Manager and Tax Assessor to work on starting a Committee regarding the revaluation.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Lori Pomelow stated that she had received a complaint regarding the old fire truck which was sold being used inappropriately, and recommended that the insignia be removed from the vehicle as it is no longer Town property. She also recommended that Code Enforcement and Assessing departments be separated for various reasons. Mrs. Pomelow stated that a member of the Green Thumb Gang made an allegation that trucks on an intersection of Route 9 are running over flowers planted there, and Mrs. Pomelow reminded the Council that Gendron is responsible for making changes as suggested by MDOT. She also expressed concern regarding a comment by the Public Works Director that Scottsdale Avenue will not be paved until a tractor trailer truck parked there is moved.

Mr. Leighton reminded the public that there is an open house at the Public Works Garage on August 18th from 7 a.m. to noon.

APPOINTMENTS

VOTE (2007-130) Councilor Crafts, seconded by Councilor Henry, moved to appoint the following:

- James C. Gurney, Jr. to the Library Governing Board with a term expiring in 2010
- Richard Golden to the Library Governing Board with a term expiring in 2010
- Patrick Austin to the Recreation Committee with a term expiring in 2010
- Steve Curtis to the Recreation Committee with a term expiring in 2010
- Jennifer S. Norris to the AVCOG Executive Committee

Order passed - Vote 6-0.

VOTE (2007-131) Councilor Bowie, seconded by Councilor Smith, moved to appoint Jennifer S. Norris and Councilor Henry to the AVCOG General Assembly. **Order passed - Vote 5-0-1 (abstained: Henry).**

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Bowie stated that at the last meeting there was a lot of discussion about the Androscoggin Budget Committee meeting coming up, and that the Council did not need to show up since they will only be nominating at that time.

The Town Council agreed unanimously to appoint a committee of Twila Lycette, Chief David Brooks, and Councilors Henry, Wells, and Larochele to discuss and study the possibility of consolidating to a single polling place at the Lisbon Community School.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

VOTE (2007-132) Councilor Smith, seconded by Councilor Crafts, moved to adjourn at 7:58 PM. Order passed - Vote 6-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Juliet C. LeBlond
Legislative Recorder

These minutes are not verbatim. Cassette tapes are filed in the Town Clerk's Office.

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